

## PAN-AMERICAN NATIONS MAY HELP ALLIES

Brazil, Hayti and Cuba Among Hun Enemies That May Furnish Fighters.

Western hemisphere war allies of the United States will soon be united in a comprehensive plan for adding their weight to the military and economic pressure against Germany, according to reports received by officials here yesterday.

It is confidently believed that within a short time reports from France will tell of the active participation of Brazilian aviators in the fighting on the western front. Although reports from the Cuban army are urging that a Cuban contingent should be sent abroad, it is not believed that such a step will be taken by the island republic before next year.

**May Declare War.**  
Up to the present Panama and Guatemala, the other two countries which have declared war on Germany, have been unable to give direct aid in the prosecution of the war against the Prussians. Haiti and the Dominican republics have broken relations with Germany and it is believed that they will join the other nations in an open declaration of war.

The greatest energy in forwarding the plan of the allies has been evidenced by Chile and Brazil. The former has a standing army of about 14,000 men. It is one of the best armies south of the United States.

Trained under American military tactics and for years enjoying pay equal to that paid the American soldier, the Cuban army has been recruited from the best men of the island, and has been developed into an excellent fighting force.

This force aided by some American units has thrown a great armed barrier about the sugar fields of Cuba, and has prevented enemy agents from destroying by fire the chief supply of sugar available to the allies.

In addition to throwing its entire strength into the effort of meeting the allies' sugar needs, Cuba has voted a loan of \$100,000,000 to be placed at the disposal of her war allies. Aviation and training camps for the use of Americans in the winter months have also been made available through the action of the Cuban senate.

So well have the individual plan of the countries gone forward that efforts recently were undertaken for the formation of closer relations in perfecting the economic means to be employed for the defeat of the German forces.

**Brazil May Act.**  
Although progress has been made in formulating the new policies, final action will not be taken until the Brazilian war mission now in this country has completed its survey of conditions. In large measure the findings of the Brazilian mission will determine the exact steps to be taken by the southern nations in aiding the United States and the allies.

Brazil has been more drastic in dealing with German propaganda than any other nation of the western hemisphere. The publication or circulation of any papers or books in the German tongue is prohibited and even the use of the German language in conversation is banned. Enemy aliens have been arrested and interned in large numbers and severe punishment has been fixed for crimes of sedition or treason.

The naval vessels of Brazil have been offered to the allies and have been given a part in patrol work in the Atlantic. A group of Brazilian aviators have been sent to Europe for final instruction in airfighting. These men received preliminary training under Lieut. Page, killed recently in an accident while flying from an American battleship in European waters.

**THOMAS R. MARSHALL AT COVENANT CHURCH**  
U. S. Vice President Will Address Sunday School Today.

Vice President Thomas R. Marshall will speak at the Sunday school exercises today at the Church of the Covenant, Connecticut avenue, Eighteenth and N streets northwest.

The occasion is "carry-on Sunday." In the service flag campaign being conducted by the Sunday school, during this campaign, 160 new members have been added to the Sunday school, and the plan is to go "over the top" with 500 present today.

Dr. Amel, scientist and traveler, has returned, and will conduct his class on Palestine. This class is open to men and women. The All Corners' Class (men) taught by Assistant Attorney General Huston Thompson; the Men's Class for Critical Study of the Bible, taught by Mr. William S. Culbertson, of the U. S. Tariff Commission; the Adult Class, taught by Justice Stanton C. Peelle; Every Girl's Class, taught by Miss Mabel Thompson; Married Women's Class, taught by Mrs. John Mills, will welcome newcomers, as well as will intermediate, junior and kindergarten departments.

Special music will be given by Covenant Community Choral Club. Sunday school convenes at 9:30 o'clock.

**Dr. Swan Will Lecture On "Hidden Enemies"**  
Dr. Eugene L. Swan, representing the Commission on Training Camp Activities, will deliver a lecture on "Hidden Enemies of Military Efficiency," under the auspices of the grand lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of the District of Columbia, in the Masonic Temple Auditorium this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

## Rodent Hun Captives New Closely Guarded

The burrowing habit of interned Germans, as revealed by frustrated attempts to escape from prison camps, are to be arrested by the same methods employed to restrain prairie dogs and other burrowing rodents in zoological gardens.

At present the internment camps are surrounded by two barbed wire fences, the outer fence thirty feet beyond the inner one. The barbed wire is now all above the earth but it will be sunk at least three feet below the surface, and it is not believed that the interned Germans can tunnel below that depth without being discovered.

All the fences, above and below ground, will be electrified and wired for alarms. When the fences are touched, cut or otherwise disturbed, gongs and cow bells will be set ringing and the prisoners who are trying to escape will be invited back into the terrain assigned to them. As a further safeguard, the barbed wire stockades will be kept constantly under the play of searchlights at night, and the interned Germans may as well make up their minds right now to accept the hospitality of the United States for the period of the war.

## RED CROSS APPEAL MADE AT MEETING

Henry B. F. Macfarland Urges Co-operation of Civic Association.

In a stirring address before a business meeting of the Federation of Citizens' Associations in the District Building last night, Henry B. F. Macfarland, chairman of the District campaign committee of the American Red Cross, urged co-operation of the citizens' associations of the District in a general drive about to be inaugurated throughout the country by the Red Cross as a means of providing funds for its future maintenance.

The quota thus apportioned by Washington on the basis of a population of approximately 500,000 would aggregate about \$500,000. No definite steps were taken in connection with the matter as presented for the reason that the suggestions offered were of a preliminary character, the idea being to arouse enthusiasm on the subject.

A. P. Connor, in tendering his resignation as secretary of the federation, called the attention of that body to the fact that an adequate sum should be provided for meeting the current expenses of the organization.

**Community Band Gets Busy for New Season**

This week's rehearsal of the Community Band was greatly enjoyed by all members present inasmuch as the secretary, Mr. Saunders, issued up-to-date musical selections in book form, affording a pleasant evening's program. Manager Doyle has practically decided on the numbers for concerts in the near future. He urgently requests absentees to attend each rehearsal.

Manager Doyle calls attention to the fact that the Community Band is backed up by the various community centers of the District of Columbia, and is composed entirely of experienced players who volunteer their services in return for practice afforded.

## Union of France and U. S. Best Achievement of War

M. Albert Metin, Former French Minister of Labor, Fulsome in Praise of Ability and Spirit of American Boys.

The brigading of American troops with the French is proclaimed as the most useful and most welcome military decision of the war by M. Albert Metin, former French minister of labor, in an interview in Tuesday's *Matin* which has just reached Washington.

**Adopted For It.**  
Following a tour of the front lines, M. Metin declares that the Americans take to all the rigors of war as ducks to water. He has the highest praise for their adaptability, and the way they mix with the French soldiers of all ranks. There is many a second lieutenant, a French colonel told him, who will soon be fit to command a regiment. The interview is as follows:

"Certain French battalions, for example, following a relief, inherited an American device for the transport of hot food. They found it extremely good and now they demand why the device has not been furnished to them."

"So it goes with all the rest," continues M. Metin, "the American example is becoming a good example. Our men have seen the Americans work beside them, suffer beside them, and attack and defend themselves beside them. The Americans yearn for it, they throw themselves into it, our men write after the engagements, and raids in which the young allied army has proved its metal."

**Sammies Not Afraid.**  
"They're not afraid to get into the muck of it," said one of our men. "The brotherly feeling between the armies is strengthened by a community of ideals. Our men show their joy in finding among the Americans the same generous feelings, the same horror of conquest and brutality, the same love of a peace founded on right, and the same respect for the free will of peoples."

"Like them, the Americans are defenders of right. Their faith is of

the same kind as their own; in them lives again, as in our men, the old spirit of the French revolution, illustrious child of the revolution in America."

"As under the convention there could be bestowed on all as a device 'The plain people against the tyrants'."

"Democratic habits also furnish the motive for friendly intercourse. A territorial, after a visit to the Americans, thus reports his impressions: 'At least these chaps talk like men.'"

"Admiration for France, made more keen perhaps by regret at having judged our country too superficially, makes the common effort more powerful and more fruitful."

"Verdun has become the magic word in which the American sums up his sentiments. Verdun is the pilgrimage which all want to make and which all make who can."

"A distinguished superior officer tells us that never have we met such apt pupils."

**Love to Work.**  
"An American battalion," he says, "will follow a lone French territorial as guide. It is touching to hear young American officers, picked men from among picked men intellectually, declare that they don't know anything, that they are ignorant of the practical, to hear them ask advice—and follow the advice which is given."

"A French colonel, in charge of a group of overseas second lieutenants, never tires of their knowledge and their love of work."

"After a few months of study," he says, "there is hardly one of them who would not be put at the head of a regiment."

"With such mutual and justified sympathy as manifests itself among all ranks, the moment has come to make the amalgamation which we have announced has been decided upon. If the government knows how to profit by this wonderful occasion now, it will have taken one of the most useful and most welcome military decisions of the war. May they realize they must have no longer delay."

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